



Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) Meeting
Claiborne Building | Iowa Room 1-153
May 10, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

Committee Members/Representatives Present

William Bradley
Comm. Kim Hunter Reed (Proxy - LeAnn Detillier)
Bonnie Chelette
Greg Trahan, Chair
Rick Bateman
Les Guice
Paul Helton
Tavares Walker

Committee Members Not Present

Brian Landry
Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Daphne Williams

Staff Members Present

Clint Coleman
Carrie Robison
Jennifer Stevens

I. Welcome and Agenda Overview

Dr. Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed the attendees. He called the roll, stated quorum was obtained, and asked Chair Greg Trahan to lead the meeting. Chair Trahan asked for a motion to approve the fourth-quarter meeting minutes.

On motion of Mr. William Bradley, seconded by Mr. Paul Helton, the Council approved the fourth-quarter meeting minutes.

II. Funding Decisions for 2023 RFA Cycle

Chair Trahan provided background information related to the RFA and funding process over the past three years. He noted that aggregate scores had been provided to the Council members in their folders and stated that at \$1.5M this was the highest aggregate funding request. Only \$1M is available to distribute. He noted the quality of applications and how different they were from one another, which he recognized posed a challenge in rating and ranking them.

Chair Trahan, based on the rankings of the projects, recommended all sustained projects (4) for funding. In addition, of the new projects, he recommended the three top-ranking for funding (Nunez Community College, McNeese State University, and Grambling State University), which would exhaust available funds. Following the recommendations he opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Walker observed that salaries in some applications were top-heavy and that the Louisiana Tech and Grambling applications had the same principal investigator (PI). Dr. Guice stated Louisiana Tech has been partnering with Grambling, as well as LSU Shreveport, Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC), and Northwestern State University (NSU), as much as possible. Chair Trahan reminded the Council that last year BPCC was given additional dollars to support Fletcher Technical Community College in replicating its program model, and suggested something similar may be evolving with Louisiana Tech and Grambling.

Council members were enthusiastic about new participation from both the two and four-year colleges, good collaboration among campuses, and incorporation into applications of the workforce pipeline and industry needs such as soft skills. Several members regretted that the Council could not fund all projects. Dr. Guice was willing to put a limit on the highest application to possibly fund another project. Chair Trahan noted that funding cycle might be too tight for these types of changes, but recommended considering at cap as part of the next RFA.

Mr. Walker asked if the funds would carry over to the next fiscal year, and Dr. Coleman and Chair Trahan explained that they would not. Chair Trahan reminded the Council that last year the top applications were funded in full, then remaining monies divided evenly them to provide a small amount of additional support. After funding this

year's seven top-ranking applications (4 sustained, 3 new), he noted there would be \$70,864 left. If split evenly, each awardee would receive approximately \$10,123 in addition to their requested amounts. All members expressed support of recommended projects and funding levels.

On motion of Mr. William Bradley, seconded by Mr. Tavares Walker, the Council approved funding recommendations for the 2023 RFA cycle.

III. Adjournment

Chair Trahan stated he would be stepping down as chair of the Council. He said it was an honor and privilege to serve and thanked the members for their support. Dr. Coleman said he would be sending out an email asking if anyone would be interested in stepping into the chair position and would call for nominations at the next quarterly meeting.

There being no other comments or business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Bateman and seconded by Dr. Guice. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.